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For: HAND HELD DEVICE FOR REDUCING THE DISCOMFORT  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADJUSTING OF ORTHODONTIC  
APPLIANCES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Officer Action dated December 28, 1998, in the above referenced application, please amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*B 9.* 2. (Amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said interdental mouthpiece is positioned on the outer surface of <sup>to 6</sup> said housing normal to the longest dimension of said housing [when connected thereto].

*R/* 3. (Amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said interdental mouthpiece is positioned on a plane parallel with the longest dimension of said housing [when connected thereto].

4. (Amended) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein